MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) Transfers from one department to another are not made unless on the recommendation of the Head of the Department requiring the services of the officer, and unless the Government are convinced that such a transfer is necessary to enhance the efficiency of the department, and the public interests.

(*b*) Yes.

Reallocation of the wards of the Alleppey Municipal Town.

46. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations for the reallocation and redistribution of some of the wards of the Alleppey municipal town ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken on the representation ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Alwaye Town.

47. * MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea of improving and expanding Alwaye town ; and

(*b*) if so, the lines on which that is going to be achieved ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*a*) The Alwaye Municipal Council has submitted to Government a scheme for improving and expanding the town.

(*b*) The Scheme is under investigation and no decision has been arrived at.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Am I to take it that the Government have no idea of improving and expanding the Alwaye town on its own initiative ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : The Alwaye Municipal Council sent up a scheme for improving the town estimated to cost six lakhs of rupees. That was sent to the Chief Engineer and an investigation committee has been set up to go into the question. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of the Municipal Council has sent up certain proposals for extending the limits of the Municipal Town. That is the stage at which the matter stands at present.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : My question was whether the Government have any idea of improving the Alwaye Municipal Town. So I request Government to give me a direct answer apart from the intention of the Alwaye Municipality taking up this question.

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : Such a proposal cannot be considered without getting the considered opinion of the several heads of departments.

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